



Geothermal development in Kenya gets boost



Geothermal power in Kenya is plentiful, clean, unaffected by climate, and just waiting to be tapped. Development has been slow due to the high costs of project preparation activities like infrastructure development, surface exploration and appraisal drilling. But change is on the horizon as Kenya begins to activate its recently approved investment plan under the Scaling Up of Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP). The promise of concessional financing to absorb start-up costs and risks is a signal to private investors that Kenya's emerging renewables market deserve a closer look.

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CIF approves Kenya's plan to expand renewables with focus on geothermal

On 8 September 2011, the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) endorsed Kenya's investment plan for funding under its Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Countries (SREP). The AfDB is helping Kenya prepare a 400 MW geothermal project at Menengai.

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